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Mark Meyer Confirmed by State Senate

MADISON – Today, the Wisconsin State Senate unanimously approved Mark Meyer's appointment to the Public Service Commission. The 31-0 vote finalized the former Senator's appointment as one of three Commissioners that make determinations about different rate and construction proposals for energy, natural gas, water and telecommunication utilities.

Governor Doyle appointed Commissioner Meyer in September 2004. "It is an honor to be the Governor's appointee to the Public Service Commission. My experience in public service as an elected official, at both the state and local level, has given me perspective in making common sense decisions that work for citizens of the state," says Meyer.

Meyer adds that he is committed to implementing the goals of Governor Doyle's economic development initiative, Grow Wisconsin. Meyer will also focus on reacting to the ever-changing telecommunications industry, as well as working on several key issues outlined in the Strategic Energy Assessment issued in September 2004, namely:

- Improving coordination of transmission and generation investment
- Maintaining reasonable rates for Wisconsin customers
- Making Wisconsin a leader in energy efficiency and renewable energy resources

Meyer says, "The decisions we make have a direct impact on someone's life. Decision making is not in the abstract. I will always keep this in the forefront of my mind."

Meyer replaces former Commissioner Ave Bie. Meyer will complete Bie's term through March 2005 and then will serve his own six year term, which will expire in 2011. Governor appointees are confirmed by the Senate.

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